In 2001, two university professors studied five FCC decisions going back to 1996 and found that none of the decisions reflected public comment. One FCC staffer interviewed for the study noted that electronic comments from average citizens carry little weight with the commission because they are "nontechnical in nature."

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Like I want to hear AOL/TimeWarner's version of the truth more than I already do. Diversity is what makes this country great. Changing broadcast ownership rules without even letting our elected representatives see the proposed plan is reprehensible. You folks are appointed and I'm disappointed. The ironic thing is the only thing that has a chance of blocking this is a big stink in the media -- I doubt too many media megacorps are rushing to bemoan their windfall.